POLIPODIUM dryopteris.

Sp. Pl. 1555. *Ray Syn.* 125. *Flo. Scot.* 678. *Flo. Ang.* 640.
Ger. Em. 1135. *Park.* 1043.

TAB. XXVIII.

BRANCHED POLIPODY.

THE roots are long, crooked, knotty, and creep under the moſs, emitting ſlender fibres as they creep along.

The firſt leaves riſe ſingly at diſtances from the root; the rib round, ſlender, dark green, and ſemi-tranſparent, naked about three-fourths of its length from the root, and about eight inches high; the general figure of the leaf triangular.

Second leaves eight or nine pairs, the loweſt pair twice divided, ſo as to produce third leaves, the other pairs ſimply pinnated, placed oppoſite at the baſe where they are broadeſt, and terminate gradually in a point.

Third leaves ſix or ſeven pairs, placed oppoſite, broadeſt at the baſe, pointed at the top, larger on the lower ſide of the nerve of the ſecond leaf.

Lobes